

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 15 and 17 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter set forth therein. Please replace Claims 3, 4, 6, 13 and 16 with the following rewritten claims:

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--3. (Amended) The black currant anthocyanin-containing composition for food according to claim 1 wherein the black currant anthocyanin is prepared by purifying and concentrating black currant juice with a charged reverse osmosis membrane.--

--4. (Amended) The black currant anthocyanin-containing composition for food according to claim 1 wherein the black currant anthocyanin comprises delphinidin with delphinidin content being 0.5 to 12.5% by weight, preferably 2.5 to 12.5% by weight, on the basis of solid matters.

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--6. (Amended) The black currant anthocyanin-containing composition for food according to claim 1 wherein the black currant anthocyanin comprises delphinidin-3-o-rutinoside with the delphinidin-3-o-rutinoside content being 0.4 to 10% by weight, preferably 2 to 10% by weight, on the basis of solid matters.--

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--13. (Amended) A functional food or drink which comprises the composition for food according to claim 1. ~~10~~

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--16. (Amended) The compositions for food or functional food or drink according to claim 1 wherein the effect for improving visual function are an effect of alleviating asthenopia, an effect of recovering lowered visual acuity, an effect of alleviating myopia, an effect of recovering lowered refracting power of crystalline lens, an effect of improving visual acuity in darkness, an effect of improving adaptation to darkness, an effect of improving retinal function, or an effect of improving retinal rod.--

Please add the following claims:

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--18. The black currant anthocyanin-containing composition for food according to claim 2 wherein the black currant anthocyanin is prepared by purifying and concentrating black currant juice with a charged reverse osmosis membrane.-- ~~10~~

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--19. The black currant anthocyanin-containing composition for food according to claim 2 wherein the black currant anthocyanin comprises delphinidin with delphinidin content being 0.5 to 15% by weight, preferably 2.5 to 12.5% by weight, on the basis of solid matters.--

--20. The black currant anthocyanin-containing composition for food according to claim 3 wherein the black currant anthocyanin comprises delphinidin with delphinidin content being 0.5 to 12.5% by weight, preferably 2.5 to 12.5% by weight, on the basis of solid matters.--

-- 21. The black currant anthocyanin-containing composition for food according to claim 2 wherein the black currant anthocyanin comprises delphinidin-3-o-rutinoside with the delphinidin-3-o-rutinoside content being 0.4 to 10% by weight, preferably 2 to 10% by weight, on the basis of solid matters. --

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--23. The black currant anthocyanin-containing composition for food according to claim 3 wherein the black currant anthocyanin comprises delphinidin-3-o-rutinoside with the delphinidin-3-o-rutinoside content being 0.4 to 10% by weight, preferably 2 to 10% by weight, on the basis of solid matters. --

REMARKS

In the foregoing amendments, applicant's specification was amended to reference the parent international application and state whether or not it was published in English. Applicant's claims were amended to remove multiple dependent claims. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are